THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) In the annual talks held in April 87 between Director General Border Security Force and Director General Bangladesh Rifles to discuss various common problems, both the parties have agreed to cooperate with each other in curbing effectively the illegal entry and smuggling on Indo-Bangladesh border.

(b) The BSF on Indo-Bangladesh border is constantly on the alter. The Government of India have also sanctioned 29 additional Bns. of BSF in a 5-year period for increased vigilance on Indo-Bangladesh border.

Building of Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile System by the Developing Countries

*279. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reported US move in seeking Soviet cooperation in preventing developing countries, particullarly India, from building an intermediate range ballistic missile system and that the Soviet Union's response thereto is not negative;

(b) if so, what is Government's information and reaction thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that seven western nations have agreed to ban export of missile-related technologies to non-nuclear countries; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI):: (a) Government has seen newspaper reports that the USA in its statement announcing fresh policy guidelines for export of unclear capable missiles and related technology has stated that it would wel come the adherence of all States to these guidelines. To the best of our knowledge, there has been no reaction from the Soviet Union so far.

(b) to (d) Seven countries—the United States of America, Canada, Italy, Britain, Japan; France and the Federal Republic of Germany announced a common policy in 16th April, 1987 to control the exports of ballistic missiles, capable of delivering conventional or nuclear war heads, and missile related technologies.

Since the announcement involves complex issues affecting our peaceful space programmes, Government's reactions must await a thorough study of all issues by the concerned Ministries and Departments.

Balance of trade position with Italy

*280. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the balance of trade position with Italy during the last three Plan periods and also during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of trade collaborations agreed to or being processed with Italian firms or concerns and the value thereof; and

(c) how much worth of such collaboration agreements have been completed/remain to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(b) No trade collaboration agreements have been approved by Government with Italian firms.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

India's balance of trade with Italy during the last three Plan periods and also during the last three years has been as follows:

Plan period

(Rs. crores)

	Export	Import	Balance of Trade
4th Plan (1969-79 to 1973-74)	169·37	178·52	—9·15
5th Plan (1974-75 to 1978-79)	489·16	427·60	+61·56
1979-80 Annual Plan	213·04	179·54	+33·50
6th Plan (1980-81 to 1984-85)	825·63	1304·46	—478.83
Year-wise			
1983-84	163·76	282·99	—119·23
1984-85	212·94	296·75	—83·81
1985-86*	216·84	319·74	—102·80
1986 (April-Dec.)*	189·33	328·31	—138·98

*Provisional

Bata's Faridabad Factory

@1539. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bata's Faridabad Factory is under lockout during the last one year and if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) what is the total number of workers affected by the closure of the Factory; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to resolve the crisis and if no steps are being taken, what are the hurdles in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) According to information received from the Government of Haryana the appropriate authority under the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, about 1350 workers of M/s. Bata Inida Ltd., Faridabad were on strike from 3-9-86 to 12.12.1986 over a charter of demands which included wage rise, increased D.A., bonus, P.F. contribution etc. On the intervention of the State Conciliation machinery a settlement was signed between the parties on 13-12-1986 restoring normalcy in the factory.

Proposals for removal of Tribal exploitation

@@1540. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government sent proposals in the form of "Madhya Pradesh Scheduled Area

@Previously Unstarred Question 906, transferred from the 27th April, 1987.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 807, transferred from the 24th April, 1987.